रुपए की विदेशी मुद्रा ठीक से निवेश न होने के कारण खर्च कर दी जाती है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विदेशी मुद्रा की हमारी प्राप्तियां आठवें दशक के मुकाबले लगातार घटती ही जा रही है और खाड़ी के देशों में काम घटने के कारण भी आय घटती जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० के०गढवी) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां, । तथापि यह कहना ठीक नहीं है कि अनिवासी भारतीयों से पूंजी निवेश प्राप्त करने लिए सरकार के पास कोई योजना नहीं है । अनिवासी भारतीयों/भारत मूल के व्यक्तियों के लिए निवेश संबंधी सुविधाओं को वर्ष 1982 में उदार बना दिया गया था । इनमें अप्रत्यावर्तन तथा प्रत्यावर्तन दोनों ही आधारों पर निवेश करने की सुविधाएं शामिल है । अनिवासी भारतीय, भूगहादि परिसम्पत्ति के कारोबार को छोड़कर, मालिकाना हक वाले किसी भी कारोबार, साझेदारी के व्यापार और संयुक्त पूंजी वाली कम्पनियों में अप्रत्यावर्तन आधार पर पूंजी का निवेश कर सकते हैं । प्रत्यावर्तन योजना के अन्तर्गत किसी भी प्रौद्योगिक/विनिर्माण-कारी क्रियाकलाप में पूंजी लगाई जा सकती है और भारतीय कम्पनियों में, अनिवासी भारतीय (बाह्य) रुपया खातों में, विदेशी मुद्रा अनिवासी खातों में रकमें जमा के रूप में रखी जा सकती है और भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट के यूनिटों, राष्ट्रीय बचत पत्रों तथा सरकारी प्रतिभूतियों में पूंजी का निवेश किया जा सकता है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं । वास्तव में, विदेशी मुद्रा की प्राप्तियों में सतत वृद्धि हुई है । इसी प्रकार अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा भेजी जाने वाली वार्षिक राशियों में भी गत दशक की अपेक्षा आठवें दशक में वृद्धि हुई है ।

Reduction of subsidy on food and fertilizers

2098. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to prune the non-plan expenditure and to reduce food and fertilizer subsidies to the tune of Rs. 2900/- crores;

(b) whether Government have also considered the alternative proposal of providing subsidies only to the economically weaker sections of the society; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The non-plan expenditure of the Government, which includes subsidies on food and fertilizers, is reviewed from time to time with a view to containing it within reasonable limits. Government's policy in regard to subsidies on food and fertilizers is designed to benefit mainly the economically weaker sections of the society. There is no proposal at present to change this policy.

Insurance scheme for poor failed in Delhi

2099. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the insurance scheme, which was introduced for the poor in Delhi, has failed; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the slow implementation of the said insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Personal Accident Insurance Social Security Scheme was introduced in the country in certain selected districts including the Union Territory of Delhi with effect from 15th August, 1985. According to the Scheme, applications for compensation in the case of accidental death of earning members of poor families, are to be made on prescribed forms to the Claims Enquiry-cum-Settlement Officer (CESO). The CESO on receipt of applications, makes enquiries and on being satisfied that the applicant belongs to a poor family within the framework of

the Scheme, authorities payment to the rightful claimant. The claims so recommended are thereafter paid by the Insurance Company. To oversee the claim settlement operations, a District Level Consultative Committee (DLCC) has been set up and to guide and supervise the working of the DLCC, a State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) has also been set up. In the case of Delhi, the DLCC was constituted vide Delhi Administration's notification dated 28-6-85 with the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi as Chairman and the Additional District Magistrate as a Member as well as the CESO for Delhi. This Committee has held three meetings on 7.2.86, 28.8.86 and 3.4.87 but no claim has been reported so far by the CESO

Commission agents of arms manufacturers of Western Countries

2100. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the press report in Sunday Observer dated 31st May, 1987 as well as an article in India Today for the month of June regarding the list of agents who are engaged as commission agents for arms and ammunition manufacturers' from Western countries;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against these agents, who have recently been identified as agents of consultants for various arm deals widely discussed in the country, for any corrupt practices; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to regularise the genuine consultancy business from clandestine agency business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inquiries have been ordered and investigations have been taken up to determine whether there have been violations of the law. Necessary follow up action will be taken as a result of these investigations.

(c) A Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to, *inter-alia*, report on the *modus* operandi of foreign and Indian agents in defence deals and to suggest necessary steps to eliminate such agents from defence transactions as well as review and make suggestions regarding streamlining of the existing procedure.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant in Rajasthan

2101. SHRI SATOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Goverament has approached the Central Government for clearance to set up an Atomic power plant in that State;

(b) whether the Central Government have given its approval for setting up of such a plant in that State;

(c) what are the details regarding the site selected for the purpose;

(d) what will be its production capacity; and

(e) what are the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government have approved construction of two units of 235 MWe each at a total cost of Rs. 711.57 crores, adjacent to the existing atomic power station at Rawat Bhata, Rajasthan.

Aid package by Aid India Consortium

2102. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether US $ 5.4 billion loan agreed to by Aid-India Consortium is to help